



Iowa Department of Transportation

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To: Railroads operating in Iowa

Subject: Telephone notification of rail incidents, ***Revised August 8, 2018***

The Iowa Department of Transportation requires immediate telephone notification of certain types of rail incidents (Iowa Code 327C.37; Iowa Administrative Code 761—802.2).

Incidents that must be reported by phone include grade crossing accidents, derailments or other incidents that:

- result in personal injury requiring hospitalization
- result in a death
- involve a derailment of 10 cars or more
- involve a derailment of any number of cars or locomotives when one or more are not upright
- involve a derailment of a rail passenger train
- involve a significant release of hazardous materials such that it presents a risk or potential risk to public health including illness, death, evacuation or shelter-in-place of persons
- involve damage to public or private transportation infrastructure not owned by the involved railroad

Telephone notification of incidents *not* meeting one or more of these criteria is *not required or desired*.

The Iowa Department of Transportation has recently established a Statewide Emergency Operations Support Center that is staffed 24 hours a day, year round. The following phone number is effective immediately and supersedes the prior notification dated 11-25-08.

Incident Notifications: 515-237-3300 *Answered 24 hours a day*

Please change your records to reflect the new number immediately.

This notification will fulfill your requirements to the Iowa Department of Transportation, but ***does not affect or modify your responsibilities*** to report to other governmental agencies such as local law enforcement, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, etc.

Please contact Amanda Martin at 515-239-1653 or amanda.martin@iowadot.us if there are any questions.

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Rail Incident Notification

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- Results in personal injury requiring hospitalization
- Results in a death
- Involves a derailment of 10 cars or more
- Involves a derailment of a passenger train
- Involves a derailment of any number of cars or locomotives when one or more are not upright
- Involves a significant release of hazardous materials such that it presents a risk or potential risk to public health including illness, death, evacuation or shelter-in-place of persons
- Involves damage to public or private transportation infrastructure not owned by the involved railroad

Telephone notification of incidents not meeting one or more of these criteria is *not required or desired*.

Questions or concerns about this policy?

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